REMARKS

Upon entry of the amendments herein, claims 1-5 and 11-19 are pending in the application. Claims 3, 4, 11, 12 and 15-17 have been amended; claims 6-10 have been canceled; and new claims 18 and 19 have been added.

The amendments have been made in the interest of correcting certain informalities, including nonconformance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c). Claim 19 has been added to more particularly recite subject matter regarded as the invention. Support for this claim can be found on page 3, line 5 of the specification. Also, the specification has been amended in a number of places to correct inadvertent errors and informalities of language. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments herein to the specification and claims.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be due in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

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